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ARIZONA

The January 1, 2016 inventory of all cattle and calves in Arizona totaled 900,000 head, up 2 percent from the January 1, 2015 inventory. Beef cows, at 180,000 head, were up 5,000 head from the previous year. Milk cows were unchanged from last year at 195,000 head. Arizona's 2015 calf crop, at 295,000 head, is up 2 percent from 2014.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2016 and percent changes from 2015 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 15 percent to 39,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 5 percent to 68,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, up 33 percent to 28,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, down 2 percent to 270,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, unchanged at 20,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, up 5 percent to 100,000 head. The total inventory included 257,000 head of cattle and calves on feed, up 2 percent from last year.

COLORADO

The January 1, 2016 inventory of all cattle and calves in Colorado totaled 2.70 million head, up 6 percent from the revised January 1, 2015 inventory of 2.55 million head. Beef cows, at 772,000 head, were up 47,000 head from the previous year. Milk cows increased 3,000 head from last year to 148,000 head. Colorado's 2015 calf crop, at 800,000 head, is up 7 percent from 2014.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2016 and percent changes from 2015 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 18 percent to 200,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 5 percent to 105,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, down 2 percent to 460,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, up 4 percent to 810,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, unchanged at 55,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, up 43 percent to 150,000 head. The total inventory included 910,000 head of cattle and calves on feed, down 2 percent from last year.

MONTANA

The January 1, 2016 inventory of all cattle and calves in Montana totaled 2.65 million head, up 6 percent from the January 1, 2015 inventory. Beef cows, at 1.49 million head, were down 10,000 head from the previous year. Milk cows were unchanged from last year at 14,000 head. Montana's 2015 calf crop, at 1.47 million head, is unchanged from 2014.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2016 and percent changes from 2015 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, down 3 percent to 420,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 14 percent to 8,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, up 32 percent to 262,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, up 31 percent to 230,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, up 5,000 head to 105,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, up 67 percent to 125,000 head. The total inventory included 70,000 head of cattle and calves on feed, up 75 percent from last year.

NEW MEXICO

The January 1, 2016 inventory of all cattle and calves in New Mexico totaled 1.38 million head, up 4 percent from the revised January 1, 2015 inventory of 1.33 million head. Beef cows, at 425,000 head, were up 18,000 head from the previous year. Milk cows decreased 8,000 head from last year to 315,000 head. New Mexico's 2015 calf crop, at 560,000 head, is up 2 percent from 2014.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2016 and percent changes from 2015 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 18 percent to 100,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 9 percent to 120,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, up 14 percent to 80,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, up 26 percent to 120,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, unchanged at 35,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, down 10 percent to 185,000 head.

UTAH

The January 1, 2016 inventory of all cattle and calves in Utah totaled 830,000 head, up 6 percent from the January 1, 2015 inventory. Beef cows, at 325,000 head, were up 1,000 head from the previous year. Milk cows decreased 1,000 head from last year to 95,000 head. Utah's 2015 calf crop, at 390,000 head, is up 1 percent from 2014.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2016 and percent changes from 2015 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 15 percent to 90,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 4 percent to 50,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, up 9 percent to 70,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, up 15 percent to 90,000 head.

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head; bulls 500 pounds and over, up 14 percent to 25,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, up 21 percent to 85,000 head. The total inventory included 27,000 head of cattle and calves on feed, up 13 percent from last year.

WYOMING

The January 1, 2016 inventory of all cattle and calves in Wyoming totaled 1.31 million head, up 1 percent from the January 1, 2015 inventory. Beef cows, at 704,000 head, were up 10,000 head from the previous year. Milk cows were unchanged from last year at 6,000 head. Wyoming’s 2015 calf crop, at 670,000 head, is up 2 percent from 2014.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2016 and percent changes from 2015 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, down 3 percent to 188,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, unchanged at 5,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, down 14 percent to 122,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, up 7 percent to 145,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, unchanged at 40,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, up 18 percent to 100,000 head. The total inventory included 70,000 head of cattle and calves on feed, down 7 percent from last year.

UNITED STATES

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2016 totaled 92.0 million head. This is 3 percent above the 89.1 million head on January 1, 2015.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 39.6 million head, are 3 percent above the 38.6 million head on January 1, 2015. Beef cows, at 30.3 million head, are up 4 percent from a year ago. Milk cows, at 9.32 million head, are up slightly from the previous year.

All heifers 500 pounds and over as of January 1, 2016 totaled 19.8 million head. This is 3 percent above the 19.3 million head on January 1, 2015. Beef replacement heifers, at 6.29 million head, are up 3 percent from a year ago. Milk replacement heifers, at 4.82 million head, are up 2 percent from the previous year. Other heifers, at 8.71 million head, are 3 percent above a year earlier.

All Calves under 500 pounds in the United States as of January 1, 2016 totaled 14.1 million head. This is 4 percent above the 13.5 million head on January 1, 2015. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over totaled 16.3 million head, up 4 percent from one year ago. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over totaled 2.14 million head, up 2 percent from the previous year.

The 2015 calf crop in the United States was estimated at 34.3 million head, up 2 percent from last year's calf crop. Calves born during the first half of 2015 were estimated at 24.8 million head. This is up 2 percent from the first half of 2014. The calves born during the second half of 2015 were estimated at 9.50 million head, 28 percent of the total 2015 calf crop.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for all feedlots totaled 13.2 million head on January 1, 2016. The inventory is up 1 percent from the January 1, 2015 total of 13.0 million head. Cattle on feed, in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head, accounted for 80.2 percent of the total cattle on feed on January 1, 2016. This is down 1 percent from the previous year. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds (outside of feedlots) is 25.9 million head. This is 5 percent above one year ago.

All inventory and calf crop estimates for July 1, 2014, January 1, 2015, and July 1, 2015 were reviewed using calf crop, official slaughter, import and export data, and the relationship of new survey information to the prior surveys. Based on these findings July 1, 2014 cattle and calves decreased by 0.6 percent and 2014 calf crop decreased by 1.1 percent. January 1, 2015 cattle and calves decreased by 0.7 percent, cows and heifers that calved decreased by 1.0 percent, and July 1, 2015 cattle and calves decreased by 0.2 percent. State level estimates were reviewed and changes were made to reallocate inventory estimates to the United States total.

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